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P R E F A C E.

OF the four Services which the following sheets contain, the former Two, except some additional collects, are taken, with little variation, from *The Book of Common Prayer reformed according to the Plan of the late Dr. Samuel Clarke*; the THIRD is taken from the third service in the Liverpool Liturgy; and the FOURTH is partly taken from the first service in the latter publication, with alterations, and partly a new composition.

It would be endless to enter into the motives for all the deviations, which occur in these forms, from their respective originals. But as this book may fall into the hands of a few individuals, not belonging

longing to the society for whose use alone it is compiled; as some others, who are now strangers to that society, may become members of it; and as the notes in the *Book of Common Prayer reformed*, &c. are not inserted in their connection with those parts of the prayers to which they refer, it may not be improper to insert a few of them here, nor to add one or two more, to account for some things peculiar to the first two services.

—our Sovereign, king George, &c. “ All high titles or appellations of the king, queen, &c. should be left out of the prayers, such as *most illustrious, religious, mighty*, &c. and only the word sovereign retained for the king and queen.”

Account of K. William's Ecclesiastical Commissioners, in Calamy's Abridgement of Baxter's Life, p. 454. 2d. Edit.

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—*prosper all his righteous undertakings against his enemies.* This alteration was made by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1689; each article, we are told, as soon as agreed on, being signed by the Bishop of London.

Candid Disquisitions, p. 277. 279.

—*and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, &c.* The alteration in this prayer was necessary to be made; because the promise of Christ to *two or three gathered together in his name*, Matt. xviii. 20. was confined to that first age of the gospel, when miraculous powers were dispensed for its more effectual propagation.

Book of Common Prayer reformed, &c. p. 17, 18. 22.

For the like reason, some have thought, the Benediction, 2 Cor. xiii. 14. may be better omitted; because the last clause in it, the *participation of the holy Spirit*, may relate to the extraordinary gifts com-
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monly bestowed on christians in those early times, and not belong to us now.

There are a very few slight alterations made on account of doubtful phraseology.

It may be observed that the Apostles creed, as it is commonly called, is not inserted. Creeds were early introduced into the Church, as tests of orthodoxy. But a purpose of this nature is clearly unfavourable to the free exercise of the right of private judgment, and therefore incompatible with the first principle of a consistent dissenter.

There is another view, in which the public recital of articles of belief may be considered, and in which it may perhaps appear, universally, to be either dangerous or unnecessary. If a Creed contain any
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articles not essential to christian faith, and about which different opinions are entertained, both as to their evidence and importance, by the sincerest and most diligent enquirers, it may give pain to many serious and liberal minds, who feel for their brethren; throw difficulties in the way of those who doubt; and finally produce contention: or if, on the other hand, the Creed include no articles but such as are essential to christian faith, or which all the members of a congregation agree in receiving, the recital of them is plainly superfluous; as they are sure to be introduced into the offices of devotion, and a profession of them in a devotional form is peculiarly solemn in itself, and beneficial in its influence.

Upon the comparative advantage of forms in which the congregation take an
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audible part, of those which the minister alone recites, and of extempore prayer, it is not so easy to decide as some persons imagine. Each of these modes has its peculiar recommendations; each may with the utmost propriety be used by the same society, as occasion requires, or experience recommends; and each is capable of being rendered subservient to the great end of devotion, by those who aim at the accomplishment of it.



FIRST

FIRST SERVICE.

¶ *At the beginning of the Service, the Minister shall read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow; and then he shall say that which is written after the said sentences.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek. xviii. 27.*

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will
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have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah* lv. 6, 7.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalms* li. 17.

Rend your heart, and not your garments; and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel* ii. 13.

To the LORD our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws which he hath set before us. *Dan.* ix. 9, 10.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O LORD; for in thy sight no man living shall be justified. *Psal.* cxliii. 2.

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If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and kind to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i. 8, 9.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father, with a lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And as we ought at all times

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humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, so ought we do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace; saying after me;

¶ *A general confession to be said of the whole congregation after the Minister.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep; We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; We have offended against thy holy laws; We have left undone those things which we ought to have

have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon us. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open; all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts from all evil, and renew us in the spirit of our minds, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it
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is in heaven : Give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

O LORD, open thou our lips.

Anf. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¶ *Then shall be said the XCVth Psalm, or the Cth Psalm, except on Easter-day, when a proper Anthem is appointed. At the end of each of these the following doxology to be used.*

Min. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invifible, God only wife ;

Anfw. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

1 *Tim.* i. 17. *Rom.* xvi. 27.

PSALM

P S A L M XCV.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD,
let us heartily rejoice in the strength
of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving; and shew ourselves glad in
him with psalms.

For the LORD is the great God; and
the great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the
earth; and the strength of the hills is
his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; and
his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down,
and kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

For he is the LORD our God; and we
are the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand.

To-day

To-day, when ye shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts; as in the provocation, and in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When *the children of Israel* tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said; it is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, God only wise;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or

Or this Psalm.

P S A L M C.

O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands ;
serve the LORD with gladness, and
come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the LORD, he is God :
he hath made us, and we are his ; his
people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts with
praise : be thankful unto him, and speak
good of his name.

For the LORD is gracious ; his mercy is
everlasting : and his truth endureth from
generation to generation.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, God only wise ;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through
Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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¶ *To be used on Easter-day, instead of the foregoing.*

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast; not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of evil and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. *1 Cor. v. 7.*

Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom. vi. 9.*

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Cor. xv. 20.*

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invifible, God only wife;

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Jesus Chrift, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Old Testament.*

¶ *After that let the following Psalm be read.*

P S A L M CXLV.

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my
king; and I will praife thy name for
ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee,
and praife thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous,
worthy to be praised: there is no end of
his greatness.

One generation fhall praife thy works
unto another, and declare thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful; long-suffering, and of great goodness.

The LORD is loving unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

All thy works praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

They shew the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

That

That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The LORD upholdeth all such as fall ; and lifteth up all those that are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O LORD ; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

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He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name for ever and ever.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, God only wise;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the second lesson, taken out of the New Testament, and after that the hymn following.*

ST. LUKE, *ch. i. ver. 68.*

BLESSED be the LORD God of Israel;
for he hath visited and redeemed his
people;

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And hath raised up a mighty salvation
for us, in the house of his servant David ;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy
prophets, which have been since the
world began ;

That we should be saved from our ene-
mies, and from the hands of all that hate
us :

To perform the mercy promised to our
forefathers ; and to remember his holy
covenant.

That we being delivered from our ene-
mies, might serve him without fear ;

In holiness and righteousness before
him, all the days of our life.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, God only wise ;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through
Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall be read three collects; the first of which shall be one of these following, at the choice of the Minister, unless where there is one appointed to be used on some particular occasion: the second for peace: the third, for grace.*

BLESSED LORD God, who hast caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the joyful hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we request or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our consciences are afraid, and giving us those good things which we are encouraged to ask through thy great mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

DELIVER,

DELIVER, O LORD, we beseech thee, thy faithful people from ignorance and error; and guide them by the continual direction of thy holy Spirit; that they may plenteously bring forth the fruits of good works, and of thee be plenteously rewarded, according to thy gracious promises in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

The nativity of our Lord; or the the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas-day.

ALmighty God, who at fundry times, and in divers manners, hast revealed thy will, and displayed thy mercy, to thy peculiar people, by thy servants the prophets, we give thee our humble and hearty thanks, inasmuch as thou didst so love the world, that in the fulness of time, thou gavest thy only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Assist us, we beseech thee, to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour

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mour of light. May the grace of God which hath appeared unto all men, teach us to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; that at the second appearance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we may be found a people acceptable in thy sight, and by him may be presented faultless before the throne of thy glory, there to live with thee, world without end. *Amen.*

Good-Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold thy household the church, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross: And as thou sparedst not thy beloved Son, but deliveredst him up for us all, we confide in thy great mercy that thou wilt with him also freely give us all things that thou knowest to be good for us, now and for ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY

Easter-day.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose mercy our Lord Jesus Christ hath overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life : Grant us to rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory. *Amen.*

Ascension-day.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy well-beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens ; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand for evermore. *Amen.*

Whitsunday.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy holy Spirit ; Grant
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us, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in thy holy comfort, and constantly to obey thy blessed will in all holiness and righteousness. *Amen.*

The second Collect, for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in the knowledge of whom consisteth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; grant us thy continual protection, that we may be safe from all our enemies, and evermore give thanks unto thee in the congregation of thy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to this day, defend us evermore by thy mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of harm. Give unto thy
servants

vants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of evil, may pass our time in rest and quietness, for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayers are next to be read in their order, as here placed.*

A Prayer for the King.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the supreme ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth ; most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold our sovereign king George : and so replenish him with thy holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts ; grant him in health and happiness long to live ; prosper all his righteous undertakings

dertakings against his enemies ; and, after this life, may he attain everlasting joy and felicity through thy mercy and goodness in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family : Endue them with thy holy Spirit ; enrich them with thy heavenly grace ; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the Author of every good and perfect gift ; send down upon all Ministers of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the needful Spirit of thy grace ; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them
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the continual dew of thy blessing. This we humbly ask in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the high court of Parliament,
to be read during their session.*

ALmighty and most merciful God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the high court of Parliament, under thy servant George, our King, at this time assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and his kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, for them, for us, and thy whole church, we humbly beg for thy
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mercy's sake in Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind; we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy way known unto them; thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the whole christian church in all parts of the world, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body, or estate, (**especially those for whom our prayers are desired*) that it may please thee to comfort

* This to be said, when any desire the prayers of the congregation.

fort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we humbly ask as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A general Thanksgiving.

AL MIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness, and loving kindness,

* This is to be said,
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to return praise.

to us and to all men (**particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.*) We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts

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may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, according to the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A concluding Prayer.

ALmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth; and, in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the Minister.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 Cor. xvi. 23. *Philip.* iv. 23.

May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, strengthen, settle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.* 1 *Pet.* v. 10, 11.

The LORD bless us and keep us; the LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.



SECOND SERVICE.

Minister.

I. **G**OD spake these words, and said, I am the LORD thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shew mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain : for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do : but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God : In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day ; wherefore the LORD blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no murder.

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VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Hear also what our Saviour Christ saith : " The first of all the commandments is, hear, O Israel ; the LORD our God is one LORD : and thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this ; thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself : there is none other commandment greater than these." *Mark* xii. 29, 30, 31.

People.

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LORD have mercy upon us, and write thy laws in our hearts we beseech thee.

¶ *The following introductory Prayer to be read, or omitted, at discretion.*

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy servants; and that we may obtain our petitions, teach us, at all times, to ask such things as shall please thee; and grant, that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Litany, or general supplication, to be said by the Minister and People.*

O GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things that are therein; have mercy upon us, sinners.

O God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things that are therein; have mercy upon us, sinners.

O God,

O God, who, by the death and obedience of thy beloved Son, hast purchased to thyself a church and people, and placed them under thy continual protection, have mercy upon us, sinners.

O God, who, by the death and obedience of thy beloved Son, hast purchased to thyself a church and people, and placed them under thy continual protection, have mercy upon us, sinners.

O God, who, by thy holy Spirit, dost govern, direct, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful servants, have mercy upon us, sinners.

O God, who, by thy holy Spirit, dost govern, direct, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful servants, have mercy upon us, sinners.

Remember not, LORD, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most justly have de-
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served. Spare us, good LORD, spare thy people; and have compassion on the work of thine hands.

Spare us, good LORD.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from dangerous temptations, from thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart, from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From fleshly lusts that war against the soul, and from all the deceitful allurements of this transitory world;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from untimely death;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy and rebellion ; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

We finners do beseech thee to hear us, O LORD God ; and that it may please thee to rule and govern all thy sincere worshippers, in the right way ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to direct and preserve in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant George our king and governor ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to guide his heart in thy faith, fear and love, that he may evermore put his trust in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to be his defender and keeper, and to prosper all his righteous undertakings against his enemies ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to illuminate all the Ministers of thy gospel, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word, and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth and shew it accordingly ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to endue the lords of the council, and all the nobility, with grace, wisdom and understanding ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

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That it may please thee to bless and keep the magistrates ; giving them grace to execute justice, and to preserve peace ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give to all nations, unity, peace, and concord ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

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That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to give us the victory over all temptations ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to succour, help and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water ; all women labouring of child ; all sick persons, and young children, and to shew pity upon all prisoners and captives ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows,

dows, all that are desolate and oppressed,
and especially all those that suffer for right-
teousness-sake;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to have mercy
upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to forgive our
enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and
to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give and pre-
serve to our use the kindly fruits of the
earth, so that in due time we may enjoy
them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to accept our
sincere repentance, to forgive us all our
sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to
lead us to amend our lives according to
thy holy word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

Min. Glory be to God in the highest ;

People. *And on earth peace: good will towards men.*

¶ *Then shall be read the first lesson, taken out of the Old Testament. After that shall be said one of the following portions of Psalm cxix. or Psalm ciii.*

P S A L M CXIX.

BLESSED are they that are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies ; and seek him with their whole heart.

For they do no wickedness : they walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct, that I might keep thy statutes !

So

So shall I not be confounded, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteoufness.

I will keep thy statutes : O forsake me not utterly.

O LORD, thy word endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance ; for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law, I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments ; for with them thou hast quickened me.

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I am thine, O save me: for I have fought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection; but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, God only wise;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

P S A L M CIII.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Who

Who forgiveth all thy sin ; and healeth
all thine infirmities ;

Who saveth thy life from destruction ;
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving
kindness ;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good
things ; so that thy youth is renewed as
the eagle's.

The LORD executeth righteousness and
judgment, for all them that are oppressed
with wrong.

He shewed his ways unto Moses ; his
works unto the children of Israel.

The LORD is full of compassion and
mercy ; long-suffering, and of great good-
ness.

He will not always contend ; neither
keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our
fins; nor rewarded us according to our
wickednesses.

For as the heavens are high above the
earth, so high is his mercy also toward
them that fear him.

As far distant also as the east is from
the west, so far hath he removed our
fins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own
children, even so is the LORD tenderly
compassionate towards them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made;
he remembereth that we are dust.

The days of man are as grafs; for he
flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it,
it is gone; and the place thereof shall
know it no more.

But

But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever, upon them that fear him ; and his righteousness upon childrens children ;

Even upon such as keep his covenant ; and think upon his commandments to do them.

The LORD hath prepared his throne in heaven ; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength ; ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts ; ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion ; praise thou the LORD, O my soul.

Now

Now, unto the King eternal immortal,
invisible, God only wise;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through
Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

¶ *Then shall follow the second lesson out of the New
Testament; and after that shall be said Psalm xix.*

P S A L M XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament sheweth his handy
work.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and
night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Though they have no speech, nor lan-
guage; yet their voice is heard.

Their sound is gone out into all lands;
and their words into the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the
sun, which cometh out of his chamber as
a bride-

a bridegroom, and rejoiceth as a mighty man to run his course.

He cometh forth from the uttermost part of the heavens, his circuit is unto the end thereof again; and there is nothing hid from his heat.

The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover

Moreover by them is thy servant taught,
and in keeping of them there is great
reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O
cleanse thou me from my secret faults!

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous
sins: let them not have dominion
over me; so shall I be upright, and innocent
from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the
meditations of my heart, be always acceptable
in thy sight, O LORD, my strength
and my redeemer! *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, God only wise;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through
Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Any one, or all, of the following Prayers, to be read at discretion.*

For faith in Christ.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us with a holy calling, grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, that we may be established in the truth of thy gospel, and our faith, in thy sight, may never be re-proved. May we forsake all covetous desires, inordinate love of riches, and carnal affections, forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments, and stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life. *Amen.*

For the imitation of Christ.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might take away our sins, and make us the sons of God and the heirs of eternal life, grant we pray thee, that, having this hope, we may pu-
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rify ourselves even as he is pure. In every time of difficulty and temptation, may we stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and having followed the example of our Saviour's humility, patience, and obedience, may we, at length, become partakers of his resurrection, and be made like unto him in his everlasting and glorious kingdom. *Amen.*

For the divine government of the Church.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that all christian ministers may diligently preach thy holy word, and the people obediently follow the same. May all, who are called by the name of Jesus, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and if need be, patiently suffer for the truth's sake. But we beseech thee, O LORD, if it seem good in thy sight, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness.

quietness. Pour into every heart that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtue, without which, who-soever liveth is accounted dead before thee. Thou hast built thy church upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; grant that we, and all christians, may be so joined together, in unity of spirit, by their doctrine, and so follow them in all godly living, that we may be made an holy temple, acceptable unto thee, and come at last to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the divine protection and blessing.

O GOD, the preserver of all that fear, love, and trust in thee, keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence; put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things which may be profitable for us. Increase

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and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. *Amen.*

For heavenly mindedness.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, grant unto thy people that they may love that which thou dost command, and desire that which thou dost promise, that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, at thy right hand for evermore. We humbly offer all our requests unto thee, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer; and the Prayer following.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in
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in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A general Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness, and loving kindness,

to us and to all men (**particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late*

* This is to be said, when any that have been prayed for, desire to return praise.

mercies vouchsafed unto them.) We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, according to the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A concluding Prayer.

ALmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth; and, in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

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THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 Cor.
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THIRD SERVICE.

¶ This Service to be introduced by the following address from the Minister, the congregation rising up.

Minister.

HEAR all ye people, give ear all ye inhabitants of the world; the LORD GOD omnipotent reigneth. The heavens and the earth praise him; the seas, and every thing that moveth therein. Sing unto the Lord, and give thanks at the remembrance of his goodness; trust in him at all times ye people; pour out your hearts before him: God is a refuge for us.

People.

Truly our souls wait upon God, from him cometh our salvation.

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¶ *The introductory Prayer; to be read by the Minister alone.*

MOST great and glorious LORD our GOD! The universe, in every part, declares thy existence, and speaks thy praise; and we, inhabitants of this lower world, would now offer up unto thee our united homage, encouraged by thy impartial goodness, and thy gracious promises in the gospel of thy Son. May we worship thee, the Lord our Maker, Preserver, and Benefactor, with fear, gratitude, and love; celebrate thy praises, with understanding and devotion; and hear the instructions of thy word, with attention, candour and humility; that by all the means of grace we may grow wiser and better, may attain that peace of mind which is the peculiar portion of thy servants here, and at last become partakers of that happiness, which eye hath not seen, which ear hath not heard, and which it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive.

These

These our petitions we present unto thee, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ Then the following Hymn, for celebrating the divine Perfections, is to be recited by the Minister and People, alternately, all standing.

Minister.

WE praise thee O God, we acknowledge and adore thee, as the one, true, and living God ; who art eternal, independent, and unchangeable ; the greatest, wisest, and best of Beings ; the confidence and joy of every virtuous creature, to whom thou hast made thyself known.

Thou hast made Heaven, and the Heaven of Heavens, with all their Hosts ; the Earth, and all things that are therein. We worship thee more especially as the Creator of Man. Thy hands have made and fashioned us, thou hast breathed into us the breath of life, and by thine inspiration hast given us understanding.

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People.

People.

O Lord how manifold are thy works !
in wisdom hast thou made them all.

Minister.

Thou preservest all nature in existence ;
thou disposest all things by counsels which
cannot err ; thou maintainest the beauty
and order of thy works. All creatures
are subject to thy direction, and thou
assignest them their proper station and
duty.

People.

They continue to this day according to
thine ordinances, for all are thy servants.

Minister.

O thou most high God, thy government
is righteous, thy providence is perfect,
and all thy commandments are holy, just,
and good. The obedience of all reason-
able creatures is due to thee alone, the
King of kings, the Judge of all.

People.

People.

We bow before thee, thy willing subjects; thy commandments are true, and righteous altogether.

Minister.

O LORD, we revere thine almighty power, thy unerring wisdom, and thy perfect holiness; but in a more especial manner would acknowledge, with unfeigned love and chearful trust, thine infinite and everlasting goodness. Thou art the fountain of happiness, and thou diffusest blessings through the whole creation. The heavens declare thy glory, the earth is full of thy goodness; the day is thine, the night also is thine, and thou makest the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou alone art worthy to receive glory, honour, and praise, from all thy creatures.

People.

There is none good but one, and that is God.

Minister.

Minister.

O God, our Creator, Sovereign, and Benefactor, while we rejoice in the being we have received from thee, and yield a willing submission to all the orders of thy government, we address thee as our heavenly Father, who hast made us to bear thine image, and hast offered us the privileges of thy children. Thou knowest our frame, thou remembrest that we are dust, thou hast encouraged us to cast our burdens upon thee, and no good thing wilt thou withhold from them that walk uprightly.

People.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

Minister.

Praise the LORD, ye his Angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Praise ye the LORD, all ye his Hosts,

Hoſts, ye Miniſters of his that do his pleaſure. Praise the LORD all his works, in all places of his dominion.

People.

Praise the LORD, O my ſoul.

¶ *Here a Psalm of Praise may be ſung, or the firſt leſſon read; either, or both; at the choice of the Miniſter. After which, the Service may proceed with the following Thankſgiving, the congregation riſing up.*

Miniſter.

Let us offer the ſacrifice of thankſgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Thankſgiving.

EVER gracious and moſt merciful Father, we render unto thee our ſincere thanks, for the manifold bleſſings we have continually received, and ſtill receive, from thy hands; and we deſire to recollect them with lively ſentiments of gratitude, and with hearty purpoſes to act agreeably to them.

Thou

Thou hast exercised a wise and gracious care over us, from the beginning of that life which thy goodness at first bestowed; by thee are all our wants supplied, from thee all our enjoyments proceed, and thou crownest our days with loving kindness and tender mercies. We bless thee for the food which supports us, the refreshment of our wearied powers, our raiment, our habitations, and all the fruits of our labour. We thank thee for the gift of reason, and the treasures of knowledge thou hast opened to our view; that thou hast formed us for the practice of religion; that thou hast given us so many opportunities for the devout cultivation of our minds, and the attainment of our true happiness; that we are endued with social affections, are placed in a social state, and enjoy such a variety of pleasures from the esteem and friendship of our brethren. To thy goodness we ascribe all the present consolations and joys of sincere, though defective holiness, the trials thou hast appointed for the improvement of
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our nature here, and the clear prospect of a more perfect state hereafter.

People.

We give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister.

We bless thee, O LORD, for the various dispensations of thy providence in favour of religion and the happiness of mankind, in the several ages of the world. Above all we thank thee, for the display of the exceeding riches of thy grace in Christ Jesus; whom thou hast sent to declare unto us thy will; to suffer and die, that he might redeem us from iniquity; to lead us, by his heavenly instructions and excellent example, to the love and practice of universal goodness; to assure us of pardon and acceptance, upon repentance and newness of life; to lay open before us the solemnities of a future judgment; and confirm unto us the joyful hope of glory, honour, and immortality.

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People.

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister.

We thank thee, heavenly Father, that notwithstanding our holy religion was corrupted, and its divine light darkened, we now possess so many advantages for knowing the truth as it is in Jesus, and enjoy our christian privileges in peace, none being permitted to rise up and make us afraid.

People.

Blessed be the LORD our God, for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

¶ Here a Psalm may be sung, and after that the second lesson read; either or both; at the choice of the Minister. Then the Service may proceed with the following confession of sin, and prayer for pardon and grace; the Minister and people all kneeling.

Minister.

Minister.

He who covereth his sins shall not prosper, but he who confesseth and forsaketh his sins, shall obtain mercy.

Confession, &c.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we confess that in many things, we have all sinned against thee. We have departed from the holy commandment delivered unto us; we have been unmindful of the divine instructions we have received, the great example set before us, and the precious promises to which we are called. Our only hope is in thy mercy: on thy mercy thou hast encouraged us to hope. Thou art not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent and live. Suffer us not, O LORD, to continue in our transgressions, but save us from the dominion of them. Assist us, we beseech thee, in the future course of our lives, to act agreeably to the profession we make, and the desires we

now exprefs before thee. Give us fuch a deep perfuafion of the evil of fin, and the importance of a holy life, that we may carefully abftain from all iniquity, and be filled with the fruits of righteoufnefs, which are by Jefus Chrift to thy praise and glory. Vouchsafe unto us the light of thy countenance; and eftablifh our minds with a fenfe of thy approbation and the hope of thy favour, unto eternal life.

People.

LORD have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

Then fhall be read the following prayers for the knowledge and improvement of religious truth, and the difcharge of particular duties, as they more immediately refpect our Creator, our fellow-creatures, and ourfelves: the congregation ftill kneeling and faying Amen at the conclufion of each prayer.

O GOD, the Father of lights, and fource of wifdom, enlighten our minds with all divine truth: may it fink deep into our hearts,

hearts, and influence our whole conduct.

Amen.

Having stedfast faith in thy perfections, may we order our whole conversation as in thy fight. Incline us to thy worship, and all the duties of piety. May we preserve a constant regard to thy perfect administration, enjoy the gifts of thy bounty with thankfulness, and pass through the afflictions of life, with patience and resignation. Grant that in humility and meekness we may walk before thee; and being content with such things as we have, may leave, with filial confidence, all future events to thy wise and gracious appointment. Let the manifestation of thy mercy, by Jesus Christ, fill our hearts with gratitude, excite in us a hatred of sin, and engage us to excel in every thing which thou, the righteous Judge, approvest, and wilt finally reward. By the knowledge and remembrance of thee, who alone art good, and by the hope we are encouraged to entertain of thine assistance,

ance, may we be animated in the cultivation of all good principles, and the practice of all good works. *Amen.*

ASSIST us, gracious God, in the discharge of all social duties. May we be honest in our dealings, sincere in our professions, and steadfast in our engagements; may we delight in doing good, be ready to relieve the poor, and shew compassion to all who are in distress; may we be grateful to our friends, forgive our enemies, and always do unto others, as we would they should do unto us. *Amen.*

ESTABLISH in our souls, we humbly pray, a desire to bear a nearer resemblance to thee, the original of all perfection. May our minds be purified from all corrupt passions; may we acquire a more perfect command over ourselves; proceed, after the example of Jesus, in the unwearied pursuit of the great end, for which life with all its blessings was bestowed; and thus abide in a state of continual

tinual preparation for that heavenly kingdom, into which nothing unholy can ever enter. *Amen.*

A Prayer respecting external things.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, to the direction of thy providence we entirely commit ourselves. Safe under thy protection, and happy in thy favour, we would cheerfully follow where thou pleasest to conduct us. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from the snares of prosperity and adversity. Suffer us not to forget thee in our abundance, or to question thy faithfulness in our distress. In health and in sickness, in life and in death, may we lift up our souls unto thee, evermore rejoicing in thine eternal goodness, and always thankful for the blessings we receive; and may we so pass through the changing scenes of the present world, that we may finally become partakers of that everlasting happiness, which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants by Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

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For all mankind.

O GOD, the Father of all mankind, we rejoice in thy universal providence, and pray that thy whole family upon earth may perceive thy hand in the advantages they enjoy, and bless thy name. Give unto all the disciples of thy Son, just sentiments of the nature and tendency of their holy religion, fill their hearts with love to thee and to each other, may they approve themselves faithful servants of their common Lord, and become instruments of extending his kingdom in the world. O Thou, who wouldest have all men to be saved, cause the light of the Gospel to shine upon those who sit in darkness. May it dispel prejudice, correct every evil affection, and make all the nations righteous and happy. May wise and equal government, peace, liberty, and good order, become universal, the advantages of society be multiplied, and the best interests of mankind secured. *Amen.*

For

For our country, and all conditions of men.

TO thee, our righteous Governor, we commend our native country. Lead us to a general reformation of manners, and forgive our past offences. May true religion prevail among all orders of men. Preserve us from all public calamities; bless our colonies; give us the fruits of the earth in their season; may our commerce be rendered the instrument of moral good, and crowned with thy blessing; may we enjoy the bounties of thy providence in tranquility, and our distinguishing privileges be handed down to succeeding generations.

May it please thee to bless our King. Give him evermore a wise and understanding heart; prosper his just undertakings; and after much usefulness and happiness in this world, advance him to thine everlasting kingdom.

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May the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family, be faithful in discharging the duties of their high stations, and rejoice in thy favour here and for ever.

[* We beseech thee to bless the high court of Parliament. May all its members be men fearing God, and hating covetousness; lead them wisely to discern, and steadily to pursue the true welfare of these kingdoms, and prosper every measure which tends to promote it.]

May the Judges, and all magistrates, dispense justice with impartiality, and exert their influence to promote righteousness. Give the rich humility, moderation in the enjoyment of their abundance, and a disposition to do good: and may the poor be sober, honest, diligent, contented, and cheerfully confide in thy providence.

* This prayer to be read only when the Parliament is sitting.

O God,

O God of mercy, we humbly beg thy favourable regard to all our brethren in affliction. May thy wisdom be their direction, thy power their support, and thy goodness the anchor of their hopes. Remove their sorrows, if it be thy holy will, and by patience under their sufferings, a wise improvement of them, and a thankful acknowledgment of thy mercies, may they be prepared for exalted happiness in a future world.

May the young remember their Creator, and be thou the guide of their youth. May thy rod and staff support thy aged servants, and as their outward man decayeth, let their inward man be renewed day by day.

May all the ministers of religion recommend thy truth in their public services, adorn it in their lives, and be directed in the way of righteousness to their true honour and their highest happiness.
Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

O GOD, the author of all good, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly offer, to thy gracious acceptance, our praises and prayers, in his name. We rejoyce that thou hast exalted him to thy right hand, to be a prince and a saviour; and hast promised by him, to bestow immortal life upon all thy faithful servants. We desire to become his disciples in deed and in truth, and in his words, conclude our present requests. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: give us this day our daily bread: forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FOURTH SERVICE.

¶ *This Service to be introduced with the following address from the minister, the congregation rising up.*

Minister.

GIVE unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God, and we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; by prayer and supplication let us make our requests known unto him. For the LORD is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.

People.

People.

It is good for us to draw nigh unto God ; it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

*Introductory Prayer.**Minister.*

O THOU, who hearest prayer, who searchest the heart, and who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth ; may we now enter upon the solemnities of devotion, with just views of thy perfections, and the end of religious homage ; may we contemplate and adore the glories of thy nature, with profound veneration and sacred joy ; may we present our thanksgivings, with lively gratitude ; may we confess our sins, with contrite spirits ; may we supplicate thy pardon, with unfeigned charity to all mankind, and holy purposes of amendment ; may we hear thy word, with understanding and obedient hearts ; and implore thy future blessing, under a just sense of our dependence

pendance upon thy providence, with stedfast reliance on thy wisdom and goodness, cheerful resignation to thy will, and a supreme desire of thy favour, as our greatest good for time and eternity.

We offer up our praises and prayers, as the disciples of Jesus Christ, thy well beloved Son; by whom, the whole family upon earth may come, with confidence, unto thee the Father of all, to obtain mercy, and find grace to help, in time of need.

People.

May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

¶ *Then the following Hymn, for celebrating the divine perfections is to be recited by the minister and people alternately, all standing.*

Minister.

O LORD our God, we acknowledge and adore thee as the one, living, and true
God,

God, the Creator of all things visible and invisible : there is none besides thee.

People.

Unto us there is but one God, to whom be glory for ever.

Minister.

Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, without beginning, of days, or end of years ; thou livest and reignest for ever and ever.

People.

We magnify thee, the high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity.

Minister.

Thou dwellest in light inaccessible and full of glory, whom no man hath seen or can see.

People.

Thou passest by us, but we behold thee not ; thou workest on the right hand and on the left, but we cannot perceive thee.

Minister.

Minister.

Whither shall we go from thy spirit;
or whither can we flee from thy presence!
Thou compassedst our path and our lying
down; thou fillest heaven and earth.

People.

In thee we live, and move, and have
our being.

Minister.

Thine is the greatness, and the power,
and the glory, and the majesty; all things
in heaven and earth are thine, and thou
art Lord over all.

People.

Thou art great, and greatly to be fear-
ed; thy greatness is unsearchable.

Minister.

O LORD, thou knowest all things; thou
seest the end from the beginning; thou

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art wise in heart, wonderful in counsel,
and excellent in all thy works.

People.

To the only wise God, be honour and
glory for ever.

Minister.

Who shall not fear thee, O LORD, and
glorify thy name, for thou art holy. Thou
art of purer eyes than to look upon ini-
quity, but thy countenance beholdeth the
upright.

People.

Holy and reverend is thy name.

Minister.

Thy righteousness is like the great
mountains; thy truth reacheth to the
heavens; justice and judgment are the
everlasting foundation of thy throne.

People.

Just and true are all thy ways, O King
of saints.

Minister.

Minister.

Thou art good, and thou doest good continually. All creatures wait upon thee, thou openest thy hand, and they are filled with good. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him; and thou causest thy sun to shine, and thy rain to fall, upon the evil and unthankful. The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

People.

Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights.

Minister.

While we live, will we praise thee, O LORD, we will sing praises unto our God, while we have any being; we will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works; we will abundantly utter the memory of thy great

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goodness, and sing of thy righteousness. But who by searching can find out God! who can find out the Almighty to perfection! Of thee, through thee, and to thee, are all things; with thee there is no variableness nor shadow of turning; thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

People. *Amen.*

¶ *Here a Psalm may be sung, and after that the first lesson read; either, or both; at the choice of the minister. After which, the Service may proceed with the following Thanksgiving, the congregation rising up.*

Minister.

Let us offer up unto God the sacrifice of praise, giving thanks unto his name.

Thanksgiving.

Minister.

With gratitude and joy would we ever acknowledge thee, O God, as our gracious
Creator,

Creator, and constant Benefactor. We adore thy perfect benevolence as displayed in our existence itself, in the formation of our bodies, and the constitution of our minds. Thou hast created us in thine own image, and made us capable of an everlasting improvement in the knowledge, love, and resemblance of thee: thou hast crowned us with glory and honour.

People.

We bless the LORD for his goodness, and his wonderful works to the children of men.

Minister.

Thy mercy hath followed us all our days. Thou holdest our souls in life, thou feedest us with food convenient for us, and our cup runneth over.

People.

Blessed be the God of our salvation, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

Minister.

Minister.

With our whole hearts would we thank thee, O LORD, that to the gift of life, the powers of our nature, and our numberless temporal mercies, thou hast added the clear discovery of thy being and perfections, of the relation we sustain to thee, of thy will concerning us, of the great principles of thy government, and of a future everlasting state of impartial recompence.

We render thee our grateful thanks for the former dispensations of thy grace by thy servants the prophets, but more especially for the mission of thy well beloved Son. We rejoice in him as the way, the truth, and the life; and we bless thee for all the benefits we derive from the glad tidings he published, the excellence of his doctrine, the purity of his character, the sufferings he endured, the death to which he gave himself up, his resurrection from the dead, and his exaltation to thy right hand.

People.

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Blessed, for ever blessed, be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Minister.

How precious are thy thoughts unto us, O God, how great is the sum of them. The blessings we receive immediately from thy hand; the benefits which result from the exercise of our various powers; the advantages and pleasures we derive from the several relations we bear to our fellow-creatures, and the kind offices of brotherly love; every good we now enjoy, and every hope of future good, are alike the gifts of thy paternal bounty. Our help cometh from thee alone, and to thy great name be the glory and the praise for ever.

People. Amen.

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¶ *Here a Psalm may be sung, and after that, the second lesson read; either or both; at the choice of the minister. Then the Service may proceed with the following confession of sin, and prayer for pardon; the minister and congregation all kneeling.*

Minister.

IF we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess and forsake our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us therefore unite in the penitent acknowledgment of our offences, and in supplication for the divine pardon, assistance, and blessing.

Confession of sin, &c.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have sinned against thee, and are not worthy to be called thy children; we have disregarded thine authority,
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and abused thy goodness; in numberless instances have we neglected the performance of our duty, and have often transgressed thy holy commands. With godly sorrow we would confess our guilt, and seek thy pardon: we acknowledge the wisdom and the grace of those terms upon which thou hast offered salvation to us by Jesus Christ, and would thankfully embrace them: for the sake of that mercy which sent him to redeem us from iniquity, accept our unfeigned repentance, our pious resolutions, and remember our offences no more.

People.

Hear us in heaven, thy dwelling-place;
and when thou hearest, forgive.

¶ *Then shall be read the following prayers, the congregation still kneeling, and saying Amen at the conclusion of each prayer.*

For divine assistance.

FATHER of mercies, thou givest grace
unto the humble; and with deep
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humility we would seek thy blessing upon every good purpose we form, and all our endeavours to walk worthy of our holy vocation.

Help us to subdue the power of every sinful habit, to purify our hearts from all defilement, to abstain from every presumptuous transgression, and to fly from the appearance of evil.

Ceasing to do evil, may we learn to do well. Henceforth may the same mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus. May we make haste and delay not, to keep all thy commands; may thy law become our delight; and never supposing that we have attained perfection, but forgetting the things which are behind, may we press forward toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

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For Piety.

O THOU who art supremely great and good, lead us to a wise improvement of the advantages we enjoy for acquiring the knowledge of thee, from the works of nature, the ways of thy providence, and the instructions of thy word. As far as our limited capacities will admit, may we see thee as thou art, all excellence in thyself, and all goodness to thy creatures; may we be ever mindful of thy continual presence; and may reverence, gratitude, trust, submission, a concern to resemble thee as obedient children, and obtain thy paternal favour, become perpetual and ruling principles within us. May we love the LORD our God, with all our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength. *Amen.*

For good-will to all mankind.

UNDER the influence of the first and great commandment, may we regard

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all mankind as brethren ; may we always desire their welfare, and however small our ability, uniformly strive to promote it. More especially in our nearer connexions with each other, may all bitterness, anger, pride, envy, and evil speaking be put away from us, with all malice. May meekness and truth, justice and equity, kindness, long-suffering and forgiveness form our temper, and govern our conduct. May we rejoice with all that rejoice, and weep with all that weep ; may we be grateful to those who do, or wish us good, and do good even to those who hate us. As members of the same body in Christ, who died for all, and children of one father, who is good to all, may we do to others as we would that they should do unto us. *Amen.*

For self-government, and temporal good.

ASSIST us, we beseech thee, in the government of ourselves. Lead us to cultivate a more lively faith in Jesus,
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as thy Son, in the doctrine which he taught, and the great end of his divine mission. To this faith, may we add fortitude in resisting every temptation, whether arising from prosperity or adversity, from evil example, or the corrupt habits of our own minds. As thine intelligent offspring, and disciples of Christ, may we add to our fortitude, temperance; steadily and cheerfully sacrificing every unlawful gratification to our duty, and our eternal happiness. May we pay a constant attention to the discipline of our thoughts, principles, words, and actions; may we particularly watch against those sins which most easily beset us; may we redeem the time we have lost, and well improve the short, uncertain, remnant of our days.

Sincerely desirous to use the world as not abusing it, and seeking in the first place the kingdom of God, and the righteousness thereof, we humbly pray that that thou wilt add every needful good
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unto us. Feed us with food convenient for us; grant us health of body and chearfulness of mind, if consistent with our everlasting welfare, but above all, that peace of God which passeth all understanding, which the world can neither give nor take away. O thou eternal source of good, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, while we continue upon earth; support us when we go down to the house appointed for all the living; and when he who is our life shall appear, may we also appear with him in glory.

People.

The LORD grant that we may find mercy of the LORD in that day.

Prayer for all mankind.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art well pleased with the intercessions and thanksgivings of thy creatures in behalf of each other, we thank thee for every expression of thy goodness to the human
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man race, and beseech thee to extend our peculiar advantages to all mankind. More especially may all the kingdoms of the earth be brought to the knowledge of thee, the only true God, and of Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. May all who profess the faith of Christ be shining examples of goodness, may the spirit of persecution for ever cease, and may truth and righteousness, peace and charity every where abound. *Amen.*

For our country.

MOST gracious God, who from thy throne dost behold all the dwellers upon earth, look down with mercy, we pray thee, upon the kingdoms of Great-Britain and Ireland, and all the dominions thereunto belonging. May our sins be repented of, forsaken, and forgiven; and may the principles of piety, benevolence, and universal holiness be cultivated and reduced to practice, by all ranks of men among us. Preserve us from all calamities;

ties; bless us with healthful times and fruitful seasons; may our present mercies be well improved, and long continued; may every real good be imparted, and the privileges by which thy favour hath distinguished us, be handed down inviolate to the latest posterity. *Amen.*

For the King.

ALmighty God, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, we humbly beseech thee to send down thy blessing upon our king. May we evermore have reason to rejoice in him, as the minister of thy providence for good; may his government be prosperous and happy; and may he at length be rewarded in thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the Queen and royal Family.

WE beseech thee O LORD, to visit with thy favour, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family. Grant them exalted wisdom, virtue, and happiness in this world, and in that which is to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

For all in stations of trust and authority.

MAY it please thee, O God, to bless the king's counsellors, and all the magistrates of this land, with integrity and wisdom; may they faithfully discharge the duties of their stations; and under them may we lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty.
Amen.

For the Parliament, to be read only during their session.

O GOD of wisdom, preside, we intreat thee, in the great Council of the nation, at this time in Parliament assembled; direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, and to the safety, honour, and welfare of these kingdoms. *Amen.*

For the Ministers of religion.

O GOD, the Father of lights, endue the ministers of the Gospel, of every denomination, with the spirit of Christ
O Jesus.

Jesus. May they diligently pursue the good work of instructing the ignorant, reforming the vicious, and improving the just; and by the holiness of their lives, and the excellence of their doctrine, may they save themselves, and those who hear them. *Amen.*

For the afflicted.

OTHOU whose compassion faileth not, we humbly look up unto thee in behalf of our afflicted brethren, (*and particularly those for whom our prayers are desired*) beseeching thee that, if it be consistent with the purposes of thy unerring wisdom and perfect goodness, thou wouldst visit them with mercy, according to their several necessities. Be thou a father to the fatherless, and the defender of the widow; provide for the poor; grant health to the sick, ease to those who are in pain, and comfort to those who mourn. Interpose for the relief of the oppressed, and more especially for thy faithful servants who
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are in any manner persecuted for righteousness sake. Give all thy suffering people fortitude, submission, and consolation in the day of trial; and at length, an eternal deliverance from every affliction.

Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, accept, we beseech thee, the praises and prayers we have now presented unto thee, and do for us abundantly above all we can ask or think, for the sake of that perfect goodness, which is essential to thy nature, which is the foundation of all our hopes, which is the everlasting principle of thy government, and which was eminently displayed in the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour; in whose words we now conclude this act of worship. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: give us this day our daily bread: forgive us our trespasses, as
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we forgive them that trespass against us :
and lead us not into temptation, but de-
liver us from evil : for thine is the king-
dom, the power and the glory, for ever
and ever. *Amen.*

THE END.

